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Director Otto Spitz
via the Department for
Trade Policy and Foreign
Trade,
Vienna I.

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Vienna, March 15, 1954

Praes. Pers. 18.472/49

Re: Appointment as Austrian Trade
Delegate; Nomination as head of
the branch office of the Austrian
Trade Delegation for the Midwest
of the United States located in
Chicago.

1. The Federal Chamber of Commerce (Bundeskammer der gewerblichen Wirtschaft, Bundeshandelskammer) informs you hereby that, with the consent of the Federal Chancery, Foreign Affairs Division and the Federal Ministry for Trade and Reconstruction and effective as of April 1, 1954, you have been appointed Austrian Trade Delegate and entrusted with the management of the branch office for the Midwest area of the United States of the Trade Delegation in New York located in Chicago. Consequently, by March 31, 1954, you are no longer a member of the personnel on the table of organization of the Federal Chamber of Commerce. Your service interests will be newly regulated effective as of April 1, 1954, pursuant to this special service contract.

In your capacity as head of the branch office of the Trade Delegation in Chicago you are to cover the following area: North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio. Insofar as the presidium (of the Federal Chamber of Commerce) resolves to entrust you with special duties in the neighboring Canadian area or the Trade Fair Center Toronto, you will be -- in accordance with the Federal Chancery, Foreign Affairs Division -- instructed by separate orders.

To achieve useful cooperation between the foreign trade delegations of the Federal Chamber of Commerce in the United States, it is required that you mail copies of your correspondence in important dealings with authorities and firms to the New York Trade Delegation. Conversely, the New York Trade Delegation is instructed to forward you such copies of its correspondence as deal with matters pertinent to the area of the trade delegation in Chicago.

2. In your capacity as Austrian Trade Delegate for the Midwest of the United States located in Chicago, it is your duty to represent the interests of the Federal Chamber of Commerce within the region of the above named states and, in particular, to observe the protection of Austrian foreign trade interests and the utmost furtherance thereof.

In your function as Austrian Trade Delegate you are exclusively subordinate to the Federal Chamber of Commerce. At all times, however, you are to aspire good relations and smooth cooperation with the competent Austrian diplomatic and consular authorities. In case you or your office respectively are called upon by a Federal Ministry, especially the Federal Chancery, Foreign Affairs Division, or the Ministry of Trade and Reconstruction, you have to be at their disposal at any time. If basic questions of economic policy are hereby under discussion, you have to communicate with the Federal Chamber of Commerce immediately.

On principle, you are entitled to take over such other official representative chores as related to the Vienna Trade Fair, the Austrian Tourist Traffic Bureau et al. but this depends on the outright consent of the Federal Chamber of Commerce. You are forbidden, however, to manage a firm of your own, to participate in such an enterprise, as well as to engage in business activities of all kinds for your own profit, or on a commission basis.

Likewise your employees are interdicted to perform any type of work outside the duties of the trade delegation for their own profit without the approval of the Federal Chamber of Commerce.

Further details of an expedient cooperation between the branch office of the Austrian Trade Delegation in Chicago and the Federal Chamber of Commerce will be determined by the office of the Secretary General (Department for Trade Policy and Foreign Trade) whose direction is obligatory for you.

3. As Austrian Trade Delegate you continue to be a member of the staff of the Federal Chamber of Commerce. For the duration of your service abroad, however, you will be registered "extra statum" in the personnel files of the Secretary General. For the duration of this special service contract your basic salary of Austrian Schilling 1,200 due you pursuant to your classification A III is suspended. On the contrary as head of the Chicago branch office of the Austrian Trade Delegation, the sum of

US\$ 1,850.- (US-Dollar onethousandeighthundredand fifty)

will be remitted you in advance of each month.

Of these you have been allottedUS\$0.800 as your salary. 20.4% will be deducted thereof in accordance with the tax rate currently decreed by the Federal Ministry of Finance.

The remainder ofUS\$1.050 serves as a flat expense account to cover all expenditures connected with the management of the Chicago Trade Delegation.

You are to account monthly for the office expense account and submit a monthly statement, endorsed by vouchers, to the Secretary General of the Federal Chamber of Commerce. The office expense account represents a maximum amount. If you are forced to overdraw this limit in one month, you are to balance the budget during the following months, at any rate however within the same fiscal year. For this purpose your monthly statements are to show reduced or excess expenditures and these are to be transferred to the subsequent month.

If not expressly provided for otherwise in this special service contract, you are subject in all service matters to the rules and regulations governing the employees of the (Austrian) Chambers of Commerce. Possible termination of this contract is subject to a six months' notice on either side, starting with the last day of each month. Likewise, a six months' notice has been set forth in the case of your transfer to the office of the Secretary General of the Federal Chamber of Commerce or to a provincial chamber.

For official trips within your area you have to pay from the office expense account and receipted statements hereon are to be presented.

For all other official trips the approval of the Federal Chamber of Commerce is required. If the Federal Chamber of Commerce does not provide a lump sum or individual accounts for these trips, you will be reimbursed for their cost according to the following aspects:

- a) Faire (airplane, railroad 2nd class with Pullman, steamship passage 1st class; 2nd class on luxury liners);
- b) Daily and overnight allowances for service within Austria as decreed by the board wage regulations applying to employees of service class I-III of the Federal Chamber of Commerce; outside of Austria \$10.00 daily during steamship, railroad or airplane passages. A daily rate of \$20.00 has been allotted for stays exceeding 24 hours during the journey or at the foreign point of destination.

4. You are entitled to carry the title "Austrian Trade Delegate" or to adopt a corresponding title in the language of the country of destination, in which case you will have to secure the consent of the Federal Chamber of Commerce.

5. You are kindly asked to signify your approval by signing the attached copy of the appointment and returning it to the office of the President of the Federal Chamber of Commerce.

6. In conclusion, the Federal Chamber of Commerce expresses its expectations that your efforts to promote trade relations between Austria and your territory will render valuable results in favor of the Austrian foreign trade.

THE FEDERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The President:

The Secretary General:

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